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SUBJECT: WHA PDAS KELLY MEETS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

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¶1. (SBU) SUMMARY: WHA PDAS Craig Kelly met Foreign Minister Paula Gopee

¶2. (SBU) Both interlocutors agreed Summit of the Americas coordination

¶3. (SBU) WHA PDAS Craig Kelly met with Foreign Minister Paula Gopee-Sco  
Chinese Visit  
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¶4. (SBU) The FM arrived about 30 minutes late, apologizing for being de  
Heavy Oil  
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¶5. (SBU) PDAS Kelly then asked where else the Chinese delegation was go  
Haiti  
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¶6. (SBU) The conversation then turned to Haiti, with Kelly noting he ha  
Security  
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¶7. (SBU) The FM then noted the GOTT is increasingly focused on regional

¶8. (SBU) The FM agreed regional cooperation was a prerequisite to broad  
Summit  
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¶9. (SBU) Referring to the upcoming April 17-19, 2009 Summit of the Amer

¶10. (SBU) Perhaps anticipating the question, Gopee-Scoon recalled that  
Trade  
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¶11. (SBU) Trade Ministry official Randall Karim then said the GOTT woul

¶12. (SBU) PDAS Kelly said we were interested in talking to T&T on trade

¶13. (SBU) Karim then referred to USTR's TIFA talks with CARICOM and sai  
A Little Respect Goes a Long Way  
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¶14. (SBU) In closing, PDAS Kelly noted the strong role T&T plays in ou  
Comment: A Positive Impression  
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¶15. (SBU) Minister Gopee-Scoon continues to impress with her positive

¶16. (U) This cable has been cleared by PDAS Kelly.

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